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## **BC Marine Trails Welcomes New Leadership and Celebrates a Year of Achievements**

BC Marine Trails (BCMT) is proud to announce exciting changes to its leadership team following the Annual General Meeting held on November 30, 2024.

### **Welcoming New Leadership**

- Karina Younk steps into the role of Chair of the Board, succeeding Paul Grey after eight years of exceptional leadership.
- Peter Englander joins as First Nations Engagement Chair, building on the work of Norman Marcy.
- Lycette Clark takes on the role of Stewardship Chair, following Karina Younk's transition to Chair.
- Nathan Slater, outdoor educator and creator of [A Little Paddle](#), joins as a Director on our 12 person board.

We extend heartfelt thanks to Paul Grey (retiring president), Norman Marcy (retiring First Nations Engagement Chair), and Martin Ryer (retiring Director) for their dedication and contributions. Paul Grey's eight years as President were transformative — guiding the organization to remarkable milestones. We are thrilled he will remain on the board to share his invaluable knowledge and expertise.

At the meeting, key accomplishments from the past year were highlighted, including:

- Adding 155 new recreational sites to the BCMT map and developing a brand new map, with improved trip planning capabilities.
- Installing five tent platforms on the Sea to Sky Marine Trail and upgrading bear caches.
- Collaborating with Western Canada Marine Response Corporation to remove over 4000 lbs of marine debris from Clayoquot and Barkley Sounds.
- Establishing the Clayoquot marine debris drop program in partnership with BC Parks.
- Filming and launching the [Code of Conduct video series](#).
- Engaging in marine planning with the Council of the Haida Nation and co-developing the Hot Springs Marine Trail with the Ahousaht Nation.

These achievements reflect the dedication of our volunteers, partners, and leadership in fostering sustainable recreation and conservation along BC's coast.

### Quotes

"We've accomplished so much and collaborated with incredible people along the way. I'm truly proud of where the association stands today in its history and development — I couldn't ask for more." - Paul Grey, Outgoing President

"I look forward to continuing the great work of BC Marine Trails staff and volunteers around our three pillars, First Nations Engagement, Stewardship and Trails Development. I am very proud of the work that has been done over the years by past Board Members and know that I am well surrounded with the skills, expertise, and passion of the current Board of Directors, our talented staff members and our ever-expanding network of members, partners, and volunteers." - Karina Younk, Incoming Chair of the Board

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